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IN APPLICATION OF: THOMAS L. RITZDORF ET AL.
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FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECES USING METROLOGY

EXAMINER: ZANDRA V. SMITH
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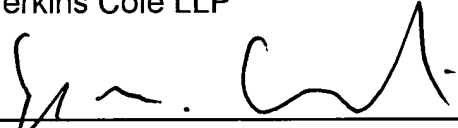
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed November 22, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-28, 30-57 and 60-72. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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